

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO.

10/525,117 Hubert de Villiers Barnard SF-111

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/IB02/03321

42419
PAULEY PETERSEN & ERICKSON
2800 WEST HIGGINS ROAD
SUITE 365
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60195

I.A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE

08/19/2002

CONFIRMATION NO. 5594
371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER

OC000000017905028

Date Mailed: 01/26/2006

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

09/07/2005

09/07/2005

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/18/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/18/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/18/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/07/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/07/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 02/18/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/18/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/18/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 09/07/2005
- Specification filed on 09/07/2005

- Claims filed on 09/07/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/07/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/07/2005

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

LAMONT M HUNTER
Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 201

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)